8. Strict and rigid enforcement of traffic rules and regulations.
9. Regular special drive against rash and neglegent driving, driving without driving licences, drunken driving, defective headlights over-speeding, over-loading etc.
10. Regular prosecution of violation through issue of notices.
11. School children are regularly imparted necessary training/ education in the schools about the rules of the roads and related safety aspects by the roads safety cell of Delhi Traffic Police.
12. Introduction of blinkers/signals at accident prone areas.
13. Prosecution through Radar Guns.
14. More Police presence in accident prone areas.
15. Special morning drives and night mobile patrolling.
16. Use of Doordarshan/AIR/Press for giving wide publicity on road safety.
17. Painting of bus boxes, yellow boxes.
18. Special night checking on Highways.
19. Special Drive against buses, HTVs, TSRs, Taxis etc.
20. Painting competitions and other road safety activities are being organised by Road Safety Cell to inculcate the sense of road safety among various road users and children.

Hike in Taxes on Vehicles with National Permits

430. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court has suggested for raising of taxes on vehicles plying on national permits as per the newsitem entitled 'SC for hike in National Permit Fee' which appeared in Times of India, dated the 9th September, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Order dated 8th September, 1992 in Writ Petition No. 488/92 has referred to the fact that the transport operators associations had suggested that the revenues which the States could lose by abolishing pathkar could be replenished to the States by appropriately enhancing the tax on motor vehicles plying on national permits. The Hon'ble Supreme Court had stated that it would' be appropriate that the Union of India should explore the possibilities of the solution suggested by the transport operators associations. The Central Government have sought the views of concerned State Governments on the above.

Road Accidents

431. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road accidents in the country during the last six months, and the number of persons died/injured as a result thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that overloaded trucks are responsible for majority of these accidents; and

(c) if so, the corrective measures taken/proposed to be taken to check this malpractice of over-loading?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Plying of Ordinary D.T.C. Buses

432. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of ordinary D.T.C. buses are

less in comparison to the other buses i.e. Green Line Express, Red Line Express, White Line Express, Luxury Buses and Limited Buses etc; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps Government propose to take to provide more ordinary buses so that the poorer commuters are not inconvenienced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

National Highways in Punjab

433. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: WiU the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the length of the National Highways which run through Punjab at present;

(b) the agency responsible for the maintenance and upkeeping of the National Highways in the State; and

(c) the amount spent on maintanance of National Highways in the State during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The length of Natioanl Highways passing through Punjab is 892 km.

(b) State Govt, of Punjab is the executing agency on behalf of Govt, of India for maintenance and repairs of National Highways in Punjab.

(c) Expenditure incurred on maintenance of National Highways in Punjab during the last three years is as under:—

1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
652.90 Lakhs	515.38 Lakhs	572.17 Lakhs

राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों को जोड़ने वाली सड़कों का निर्माण

434. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या जल भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को नए राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों अथवा विद्यमान राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों को परस्पर मिलाने वाली सड़कों के निर्माण के संबंध में विभिन्न राज्यों से कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) उन पर सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

जल भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर): (क) और (ख) जी हां। नए राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों की घोषणा के लिए विभिन्न राज्यों से प्राप्त प्रस्तावों की संख्या संलग्न विवरण में दर्शाई गई है [नीचे देखिए]

(ग) आठवीं योजना के लिए राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के प्रयोजनार्थ निर्धारित निधियां मौजूद राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्रणाली पर चालू कार्यों के लिए ही मुश्किल से पर्याप्त है। इसलिए, जब तक राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के लिए आबंटन में वृद्धि नहीं की जाती तब तक इस समय कोई भी नया राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग घोषित करना कठिन है। तथापि, निधियों की उपलब्धता और इस प्रयोजनार्थ निर्धारित अन्य विभिन्न तथ्यों को ध्यान में रखते हुए आठवीं योजना की मध्यावधिक समीक्षा के समय यथा स्थिति की समीक्षा की जाएगी।

विवरण

आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान नए राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों की घोषणा के संबंध में राज्य सरकारों/संघ शासित सरकारों द्वारा प्रस्तुत किए गए/प्रस्तावों का उद्धरण

क्रम सं॰	राज्य	प्रस्तावों की संख्या	अनुमानित लम्बाई कि॰मी॰
1.	आन्ध्र प्रदेश	19	6045
2.	असम	3	380
3.	अरुणाचल प्रदेश	1	400
4.	बिहार	5	1180
5.	गुजरात	9	2271
6.	हरियाणा	4	586
7.	हिमाचल प्रदेश	2	618